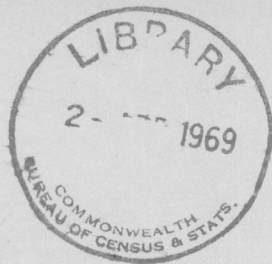


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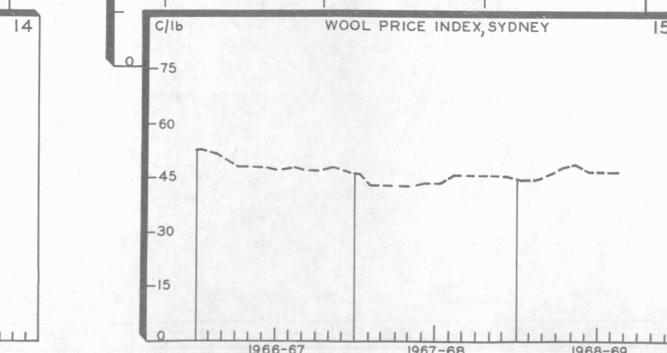
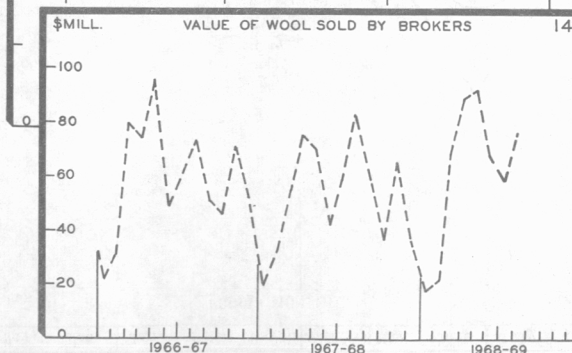
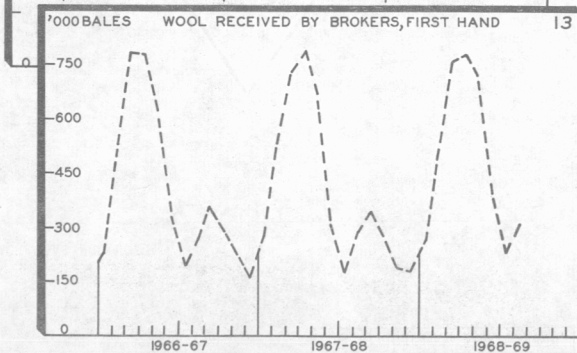
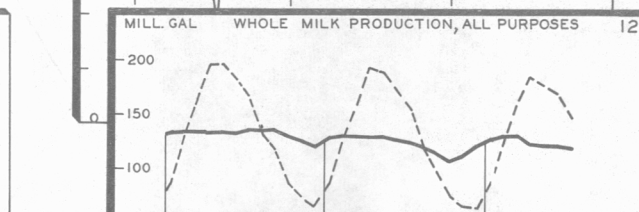
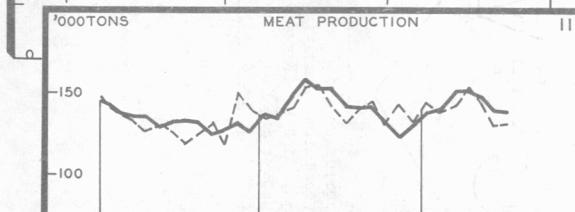
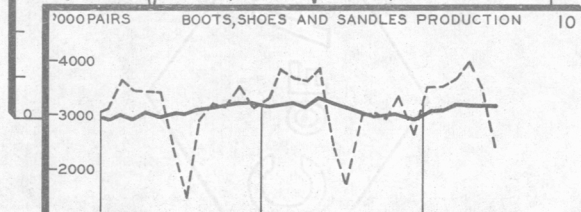
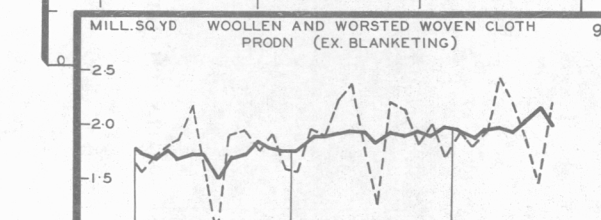
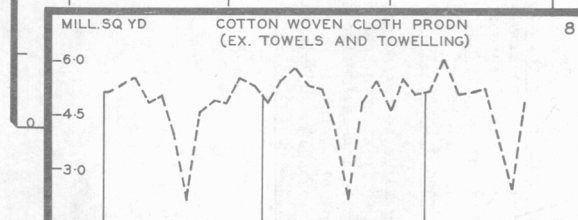
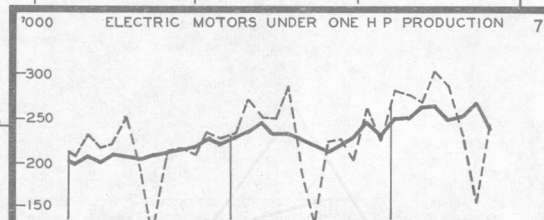
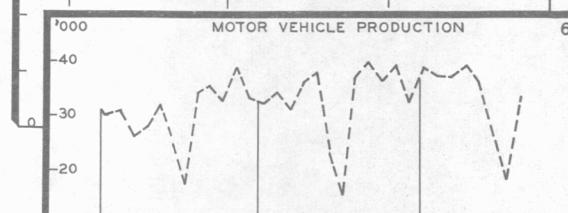
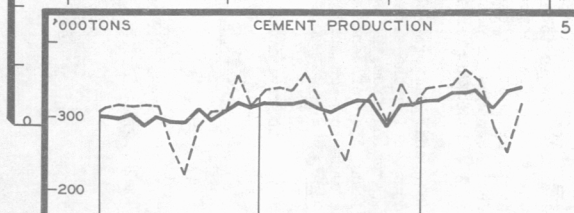
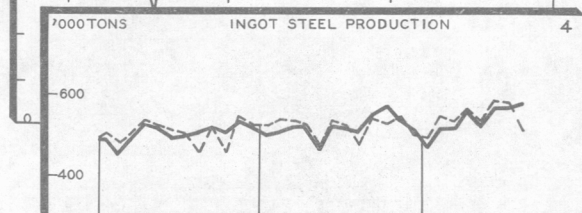
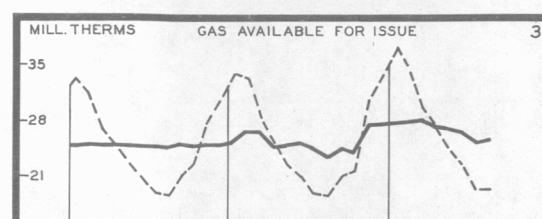
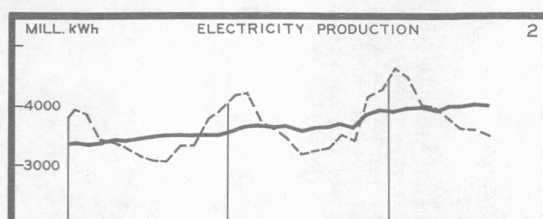
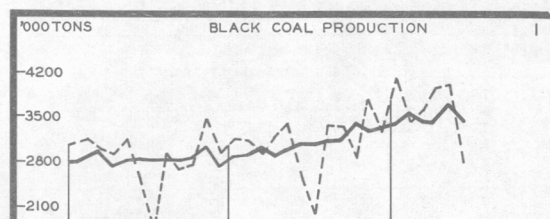
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		1967-68												1968-69												
			July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
PRODUCTION, ETC. (a)																										
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	3,150 2,881	3,136 2,931	2,950 3,002	3,166 2,877	3,382 2,996	2,496 3,066	1,992 3,065	3,367 3,144	3,341 3,158	2,814 3,432	3,760 3,281	3,263 3,319	4,097 3,430	3,430 3,541	3,566 3,435	3,960 3,434	3,995 3,706	2,765 3,422						
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh	Original Adjusted	4,177 3,588	4,205 3,695	3,757 3,705	3,611 3,622	3,513 3,659	3,207 3,563	3,240 3,628	3,280 3,646	3,541 3,731	3,433 3,632	4,143 3,876	4,256 3,959	4,651 3,905	4,487 3,967	4,045 4,025	3,970 3,931	3,823 4,003	3,638 4,007	3,606 4,047	3,509 4,033				
3. GAS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	mill. therms	Original Adjusted	34.0 25.6	33.3 26.7	28.4 26.7	25.0 24.8	22.3 24.8	21.2 25.3	18.8 24.7	18.3 23.6	21.2 24.6	21.9 24.1	31.1 27.8	33.8 27.8	37.5 27.9	34.8 28.0	29.9 28.1	27.8 27.5	24.5 27.3	22.6 26.8	19.5 25.8	19.5 26.0				
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	524 506	538 512	539 522	528 524	475 468	542 527	524 520	477 515	546 554	528 574	549 539	503 512	495 478	550 517	537 518	565 561	534 527	591 569	579 572	516 584				
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	336 322	341 321	333 321	354 324	324 313	277 307	240 317	312 324	329 323	296 291	347 317	314 317	341 323	344 325	345 334	366 334	349 338	285 315	253 335	320 344				
6. MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION (b)	'000	Original	32.8	34.8	31.1	36.8	38.1	24.3	15.7	37.2	40.0	36.6	39.8	32.8	39.0	37.7	37.3	39.8	36.0	26.3	18.5	33.8				
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE HP, PRODUCTION	'000	Original Adjusted	235 231	273 237	253 245	251 234	287 234	202 229	131 222	224 213	227 221	204 228	261 246	223 228	280 252	276 254	267 263	304 263	284 247	228 255	152 267	241 240				
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding towels and towelling)	'000 sq yd	Original	4,835	5,553	5,830	5,334	5,251	4,247	2,173	4,936	5,434	4,611	5,551	5,101	5,225	6,054	5,074	5,158	5,266	3,794	2,492	4,876				
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding blanketing)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	1,591 1,782	1,981 1,929	1,910 1,906	2,238 1,949	2,398 1,962	1,724 1,959	1,284 1,850	2,240 1,963	2,147 1,924	1,837 1,961	2,033 1,925	1,716 2,005	1,957 1,983	1,817 1,907	1,961 1,973	2,448 2,003	2,241 1,937	1,911 2,086	1,499 2,199	2,213 2,010				
10. BOOTS, SHOES AND SANDALS PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	Original Adjusted	3,312 3,191	3,850 3,204	3,652 3,266	3,682 3,159	3,886 3,364	2,466 3,238	1,714 3,179	3,012 3,081	3,077 2,976	2,945 3,036	3,332 3,034	2,680 2,940	3,518 3,111	3,530 3,221	3,699 3,257	4,032 3,251	3,532 3,246	2,425 3,209						
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	135 137	137 135	141 149	154 159	156 154	142 155	133 143	141 142	146 141	131 132	144 124	133 131	144 139	138 139	141 152	156 153	144 148	131 141	133 140					
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gal.	Original Adjusted	86 130	126 131	160 131	194 130	189 130	173 127	155 125	119 121	96 116	74 109	66 113	65 123	88 129	127 133	161 133	186 124	179 123	170 123	149 121					
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND	'000 bales	Original	283	543	736	790	668	324	179	298	347	287	198	188	270	503	762	781	722	398	237	316				
14. VALUE OF WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS	\$ mill.	Original	19.8	32.2	55.3	76.2	70.3	42.4	59.3	83.5	59.1	37.5	66.0	37.8	18.2	22.5	69.2	89.1	92.3	67.9	58.3	76.0				
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY cents per lb greasy		Original	46	43	43	43	43	44	44	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	46	48	49	47	*	*				

(a) Figures for items 1 to 12 are preliminary from July 1967.

(b) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

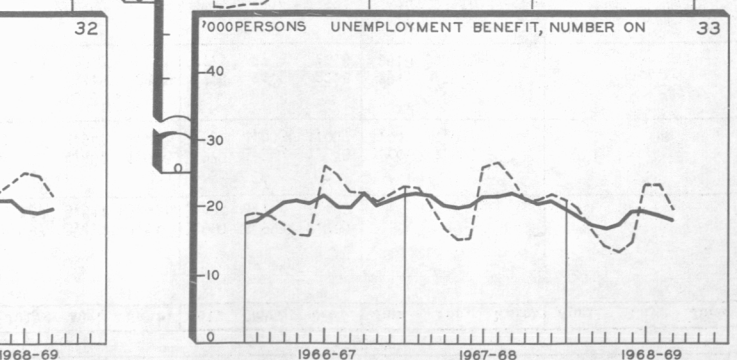
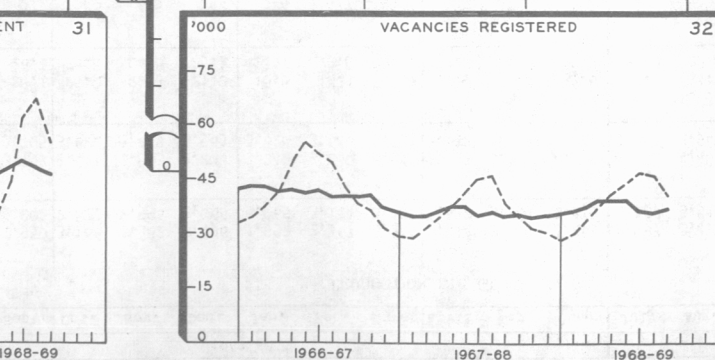
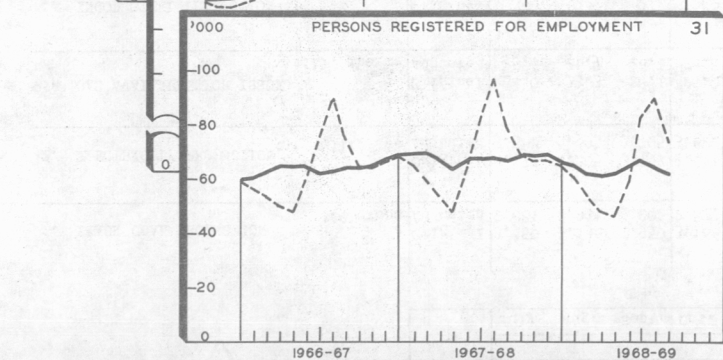
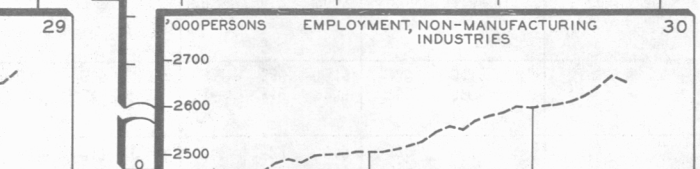
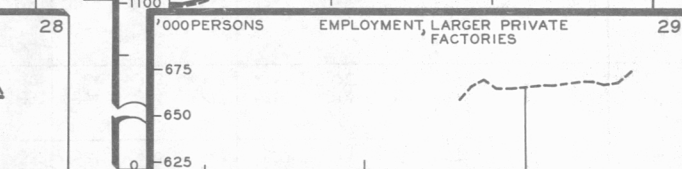
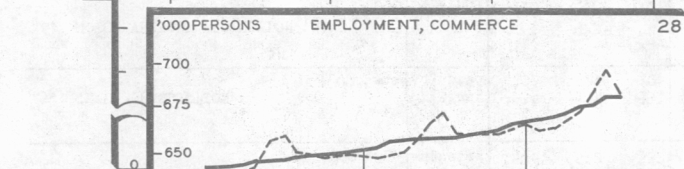
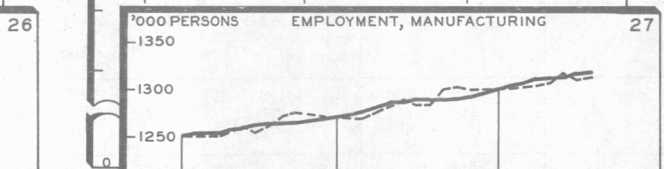
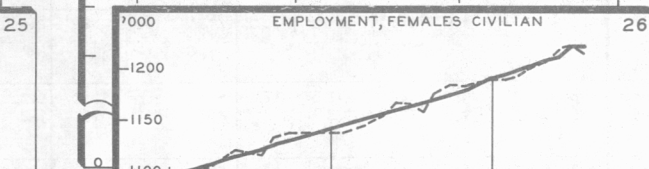
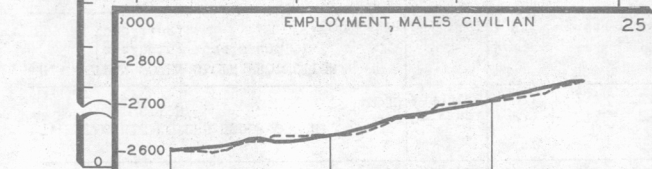
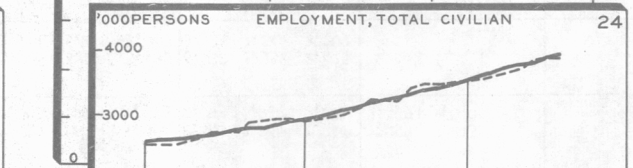
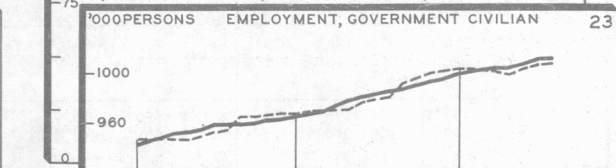
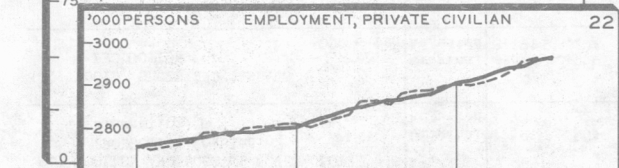
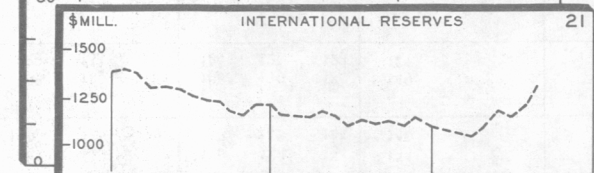
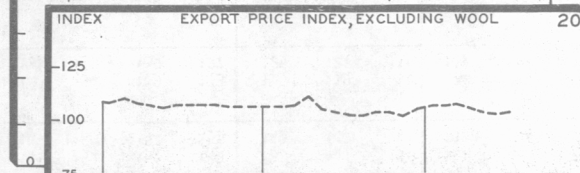
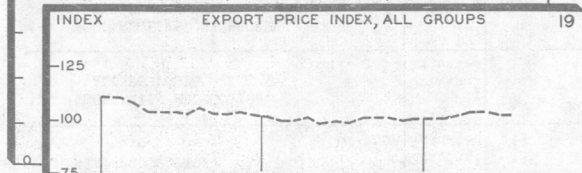
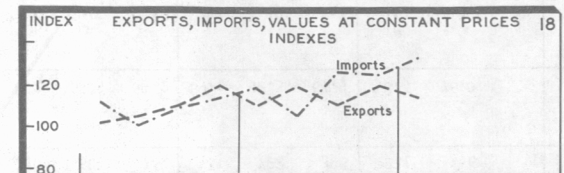
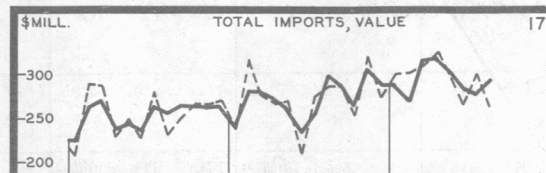
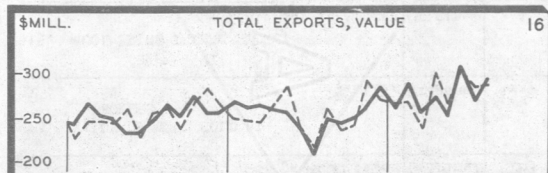
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OVERSEAS TRADE																										
16. TOTAL EXPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	249 268	248 260	246 264	266 258	284 257	239 254	216 204	259 252	234 246	240 250	293 261	272 288	*	*	*	/*	/*	/*	/*	284 269	289 294			
17. TOTAL IMPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	236 239	314 280	276 279	265 273	270 261	207 234	277 258	287 298	286 287	252 262	322 306	273 287	*	*	*	*	*	*	/*	301 278	263 295			
18. INDEXES OF VALUES AT CONSTANT PRICES EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100 IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100		Original Original		*			*			*			*			*										
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS	1959-60 = 100	Original	102	99	99	101	98	99	98	101	101	101	100	101	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	102				
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL	1959-60 = 100	Original	106	106	107	111	105	104	103	103	104	104	103	105	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	104				
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	\$ mill.	Original	1,157	1,151	1,143	(e)	1,146	1,092	1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096	1,143	1,092	1,079	1,060	1,037	1,091	1,174	1,144	1,200	1,294				
EMPLOYMENT (b)																										
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	2,804 2,815	2,812 2,824	2,822 2,832	2,836 2,842	2,861 2,851	2,862 2,858	2,854 2,860	2,880 2,869	2,891 2,876	2,888 2,882	2,896 2,893	2,899 2,903	2,901 2,913	2,908 2,921	2,921 2,932	2,933 2,940	2,959 2,949	2,967 2,962	2,962 2,967					
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	971 970	972 972	972 976	973 980	977 983	980 985	983 987	996 990	999 993	1,001 996	1,003 998	1,004 1,001	1,005 1,004	1,004 1,004	1,003 1,007	1,000 1,007	1,004 1,010	1,009 1,015	1,010 1,014					
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	3,775 3,785	3,783 3,796	3,794 3,808	3,809 3,822	3,838 3,833	3,842 3,842	3,837 3,845	3,876 3,859	3,889 3,870	3,889 3,878	3,899 3,891	3,903 3,904	3,907 3,917	3,912 3,925	3,924 3,939	3,934 3,947	3,963 3,958	3,976 3,976	3,972 3,980					
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	2,635 2,640	2,640 2,647	2,646 2,656	2,654 2,665	2,671 2,673	2,676 2,678	2,678 2,679	2,699 2,687	2,704 2,693	2,706 2,698	2,712 2,705	2,714 2,713	2,716 2,722	2,719 2,727	2,723 2,734	2,726 2,738	2,743 2,745	2,753 2,755	2,756 2,757					
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	1,140 1,145	1,143 1,149	1,148 1,152	1,155 1,156	1,167 1,160	1,166 1,165	1,159 1,166	1,177 1,172	1,185 1,176	1,183 1,180	1,187 1,187	1,189 1,191	1,190 1,195	1,193 1,198	1,200 1,204	1,207 1,208	1,220 1,213	1,222 1,222	1,216 1,223					
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	1,271 1,274	1,272 1,276	1,277 1,282	1,282 1,286	1,290 1,289	1,283 1,290	1,284 1,289	1,300 1,291	1,305 1,293	1,298 1,293	1,299 1,297	1,300 1,301	1,302 1,305	1,304 1,307	1,307 1,312	1,310 1,313	1,316 1,315	1,311 1,318	1,314 1,319					
28. EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	647 653	649 656	651 656	656 657	668 658	673 659	661 659	661 661	661 662	661 663	664 666	665 668	663 669	664 671	668 673	674 675	687 676	697 682	683 682					
29. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACILITIES	'000 persons	Original	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	658	666	670	665	665	666	667	667	668	669	669	668	669	676				
30. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (c)	'000 persons	Original	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585	2,591	2,600	2,603	2,604	2,608	2,617	2,624	2,647	2,665	2,658					
31. PERSONS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT	'000	Original Adjusted	65.4 69.6	59.8 70.0	53.2 67.9	48.6 64.7	63.0 68.5	83.6 68.0	96.2 68.6	79.1 67.4	69.4 69.0	67.0 68.7	67.3 69.2	65.3 66.1	61.4 65.5	53.5 62.8	48.4 61.8	46.5 61.9	59.8 64.9	83.2 67.6	90.0 64.0	73.6 62.7				
32. VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE	'000	Original Adj. (f)	29.2 35.5	32.0 35.6	35.0 36.8	38.3 37.2	41.4 37.7	45.4 35.5	46.6 36.4	38.4 35.1	35.0 35.4	31.5 34.9	30.6 35.8	28.7 36.0	30.2 36.8	33.8 37.6	37.6 39.5	41.3 39.9	43.9 39.9	47.1 36.8	46.3 36.2	40.7 37.3				
33. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (a)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	23.0 22.1	20.8 21.9	17.2 20.5	15.3 20.1	15.7 20.5	26.3 21.7	26.7 21.6	23.9 21.9	20.7 21.0	21.1 20.7	21.8 21.0	21.3 20.0	19.8 19.1	16.8 17.7	14.2 17.0	13.3 17.5	14.8 19.3	23.5 19.3	23.4 19.0	19.9 18.3				

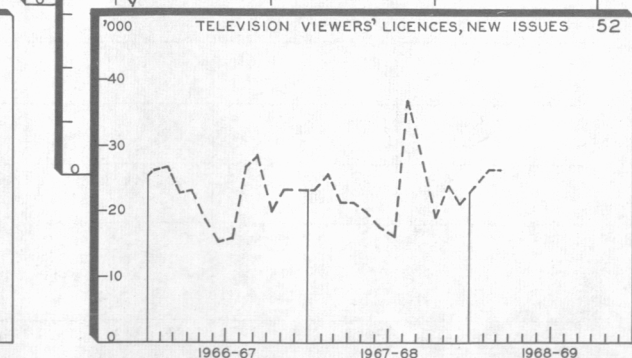
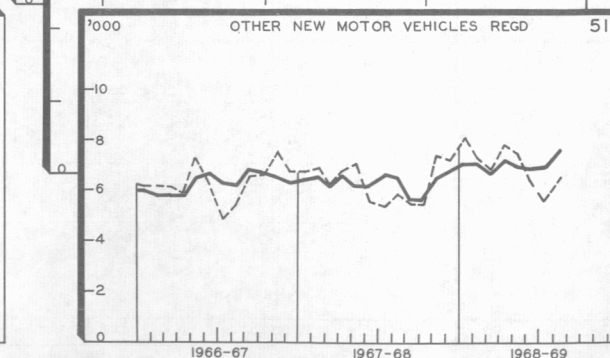
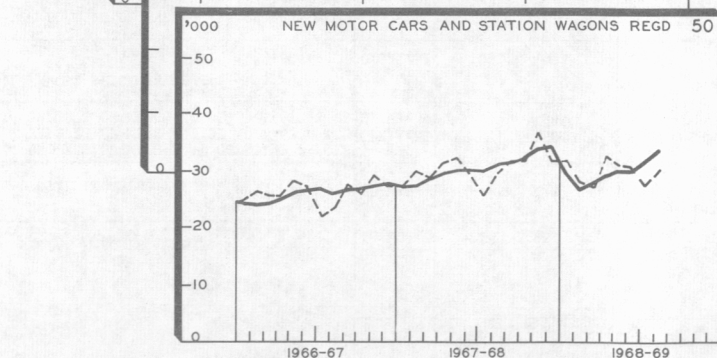
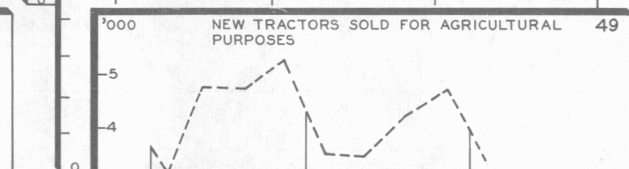
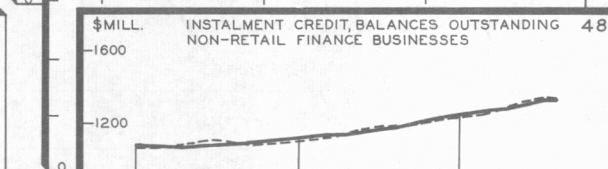
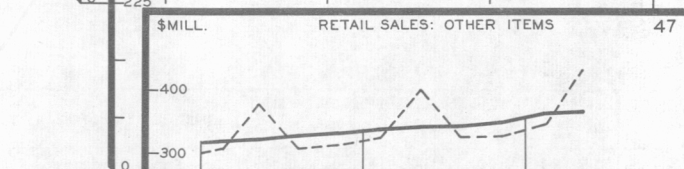
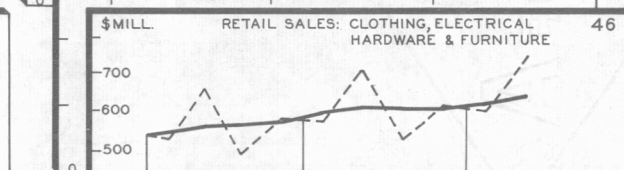
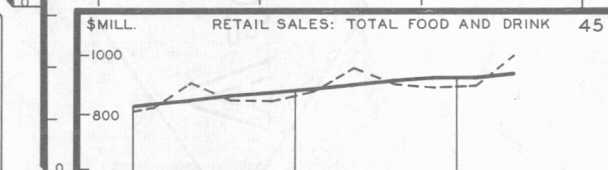
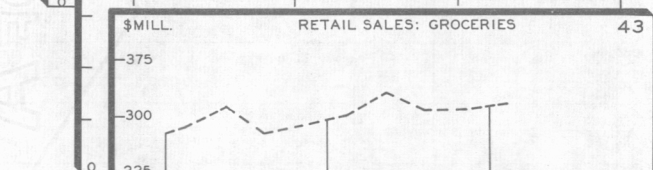
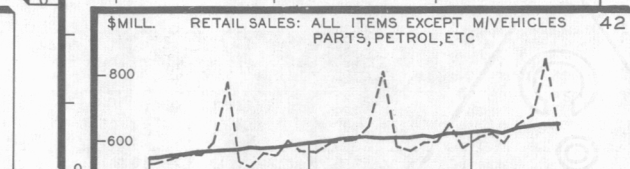
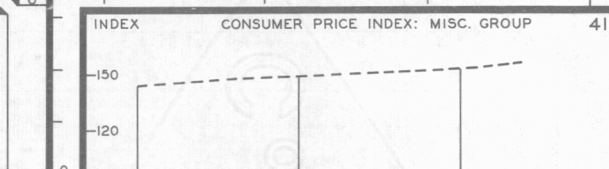
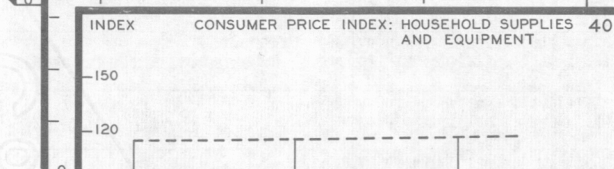
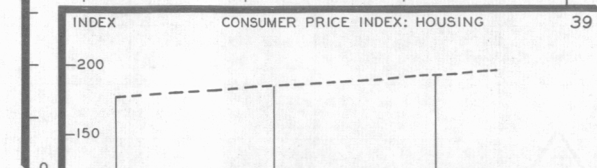
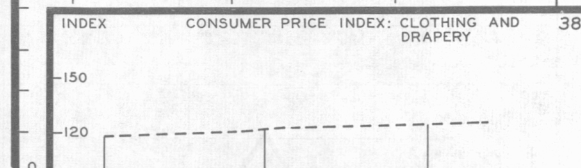
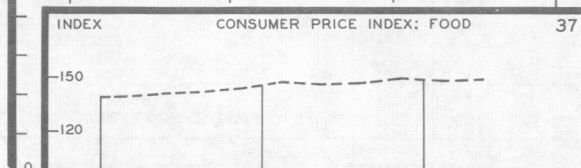
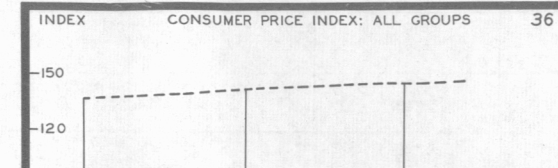
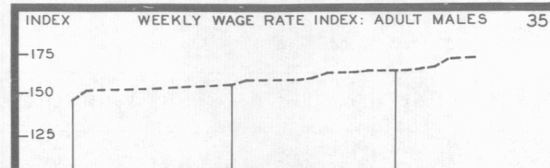
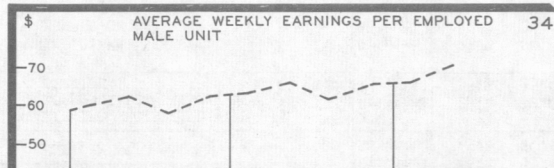
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(b) Figures in items 22-30 refer only to employed wage and salary earners. Except for those in item 29, the figures are subject to revision. (c) Excludes employees in rural industry and in private domestic service. (d) Last Saturday of month. Excludes Torres Strait Islanders. For further details see the monthly bulletin Employment and Unemployment. (e) Reserves fell by \$24.8 m. between the last Wednesdays in October and November. This fall includes a loss of approx \$113 m. resulting from the devaluation of United Kingdom and New Zealand currencies. (f) Prior to September 1967 vacancies for school leavers were usually recorded in the month in which they were notified. Since then they have been registered in the month preceding the month in which they could actually be filled. (g) Comparable series not available.

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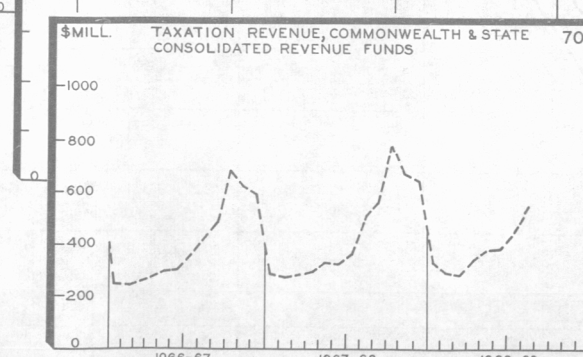
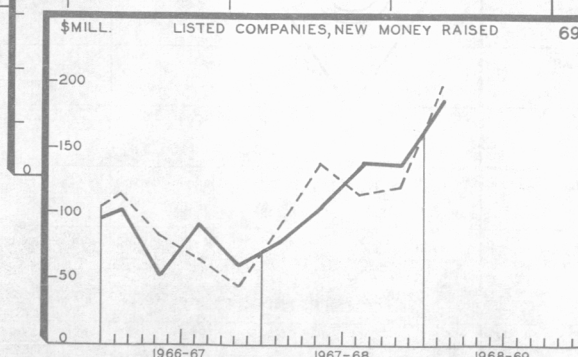
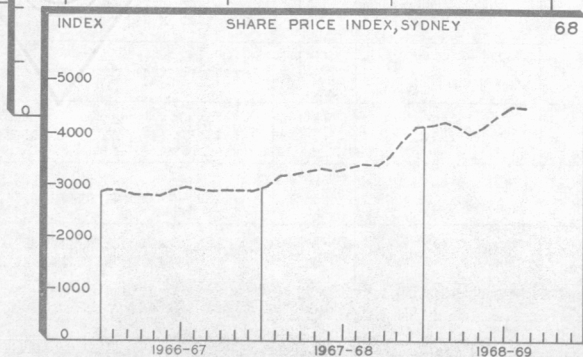
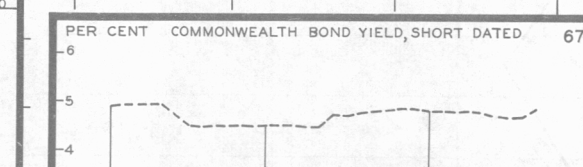
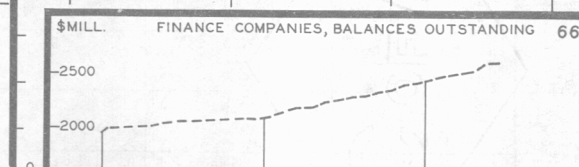
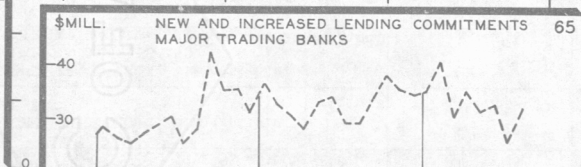
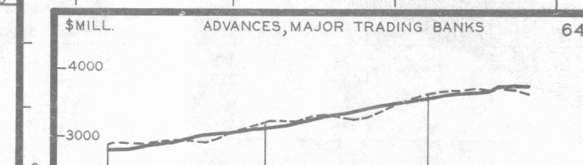
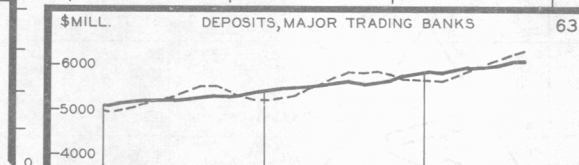
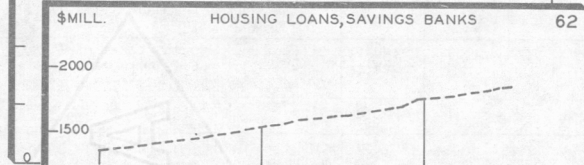
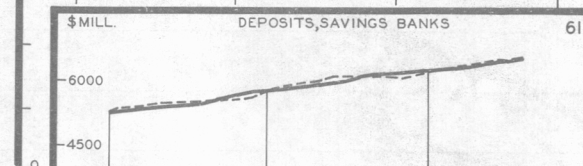
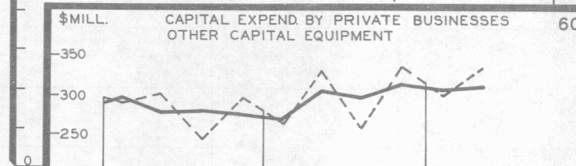
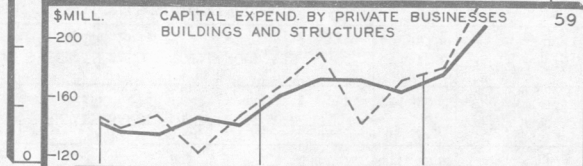
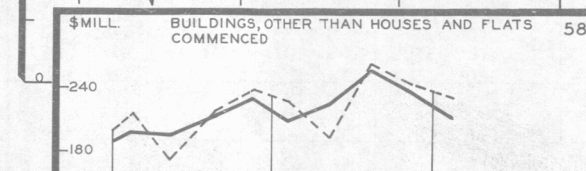
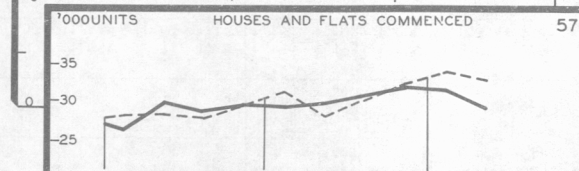
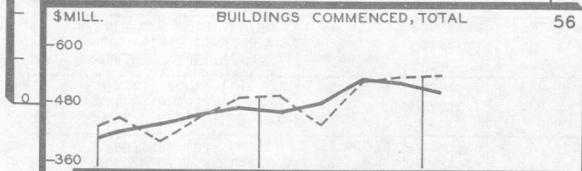
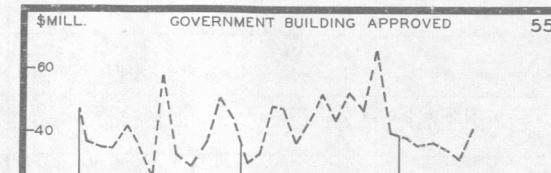
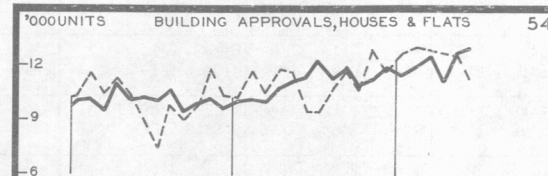
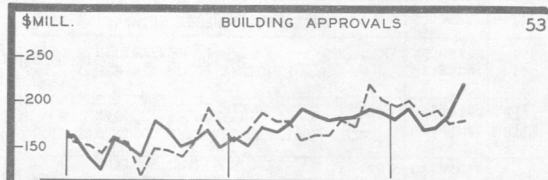


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WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																												
34. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	\$	Original	63.40			66.20			61.90			65.90			66.30			70.80										
35. WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX, ADULT MALES (a)	1954 = 100	Original	158.9	159.0	159.1	159.1	159.2	159.2	161.6	162.0	162.3	162.9	163.5	163.8	164.2	165.8	166.2	171.5	171.8	172.1								
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS	1952-53 = 100	Original	142.5			142.9			143.5			144.6			145.2			146.7										
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD	1952-53 = 100	Original	148.3			147.0			148.0			149.4			149.0			149.3										
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals CLOTHING AND DRAPERY	1952-53 = 100	Original	121.2			122.0			122.3			122.9			123.5			124.4										
39. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING	1952-53 = 100	Original	184.4			186.7			187.6			190.0			191.3			194.9										
40. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	1952-53 = 100	Original	115.8			116.3			116.4			117.3			117.5			118.2										
41. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP	1952-53 = 100	Original	151.5			153.1			153.5			154.3			156.4			159.7										
INTERNAL TRADE																												
42. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	574 608	597 608	604 617	608 618	650 622	817 621	589 623	578 621	599 628	598 620	659 632	586 634	617 640	638 642	597 632	652 645	684 649	853 659	* 640 663							
43. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES (b)	\$ mill.	Original	303			331			306			309			316													
44. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill.	Original	571			632			607			588			588													
45. RETAIL SALES, TOTAL FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	875 894				963 907				913 919				898 926				904 926	1,008 943								
46. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	576 597				711 614				527 604				616 611				600 623	746 640								
47. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	325 340				401 342				326 346				329 354				348 364	433 367								
48. INSTALLMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (Ø)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,110 1,119	1,122 1,128	1,133 1,134	1,151 1,148	1,171 1,160	1,186 1,167	1,196 1,180	1,193 1,192	1,199 1,205	1,210 1,218	1,227 1,234	1,237 1,248	1,247 1,258	1,258 1,264	1,269 1,271	1,293 1,290	1,318 1,306	1,334 1,313	* 1,345 1,327	1,336 1,335						
49. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	Original	3,528			3,512			4,278			4,729			3,397													
50. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	Original Adjusted	27.3 27.3	30.2 27.6	28.6 28.6	31.4 30.0	32.5 30.4	29.6 30.1	25.7 30.1	29.7 31.4	31.6 31.5	31.7 32.2	36.8 34.2	31.6 34.4	31.8 29.4	28.2 26.8	27.2 27.9	32.8 29.5	30.9 30.3	30.8 30.4	27.5 31.9	30.3 33.8						
51. OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	6.8 6.5	7.0 6.6	6.3 6.2	6.9 6.6	7.1 6.3	5.6 6.3	5.4 6.7	5.8 6.5	5.5 5.6	5.4 5.6	7.5 6.5	7.2 7.5	8.1 7.1	7.3 7.1	6.8 6.7	7.9 7.2	7.5 7.0	6.4 6.9	5.6 7.0							
52. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (d)	'000	Original	23.3	25.4	21.4	21.5	20.1	17.6	16.5	36.8	28.8	19.0	23.3	21.2	23.9	26.6	26.6	@										

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Items 42-7 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other new vehicles includes utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (d) Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. Includes new issues to persons whose previous licence had expired, these may increase significantly in certain months due to special licence inspection campaigns of the P.M.G.'s Department. \* Preliminary. † Revised. (Ø) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: July 1968 \$73.5 m.; August \$70.5 m.; Sept. \$70.0 m.; Oct. \$86.1 m.; Nov. \$83.4 m.; Dec. \$81.2 m.; Jan. 1969 \$73.8 m. @ Under review.

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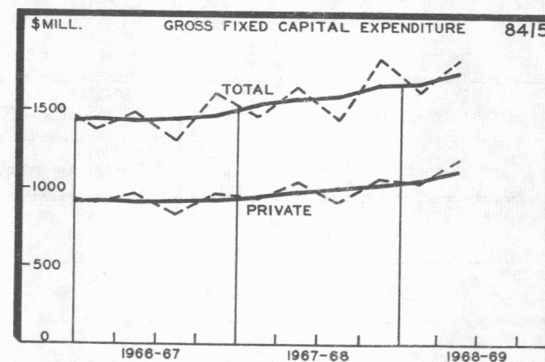
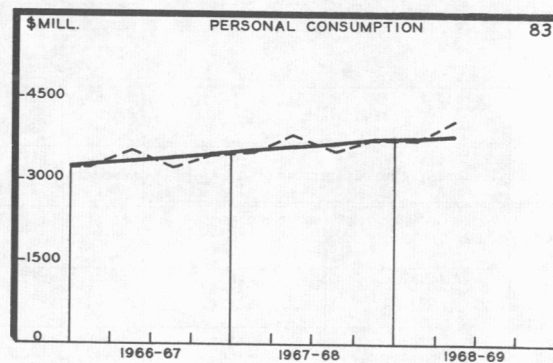
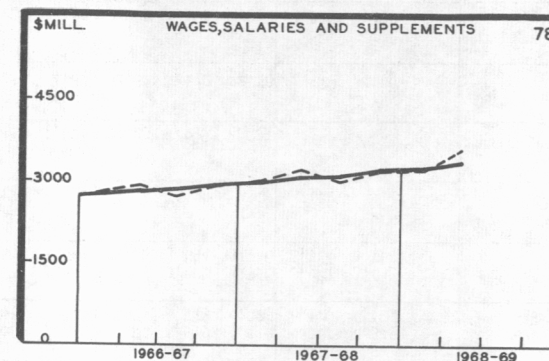
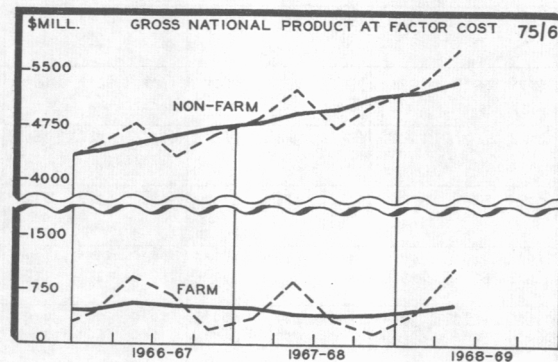
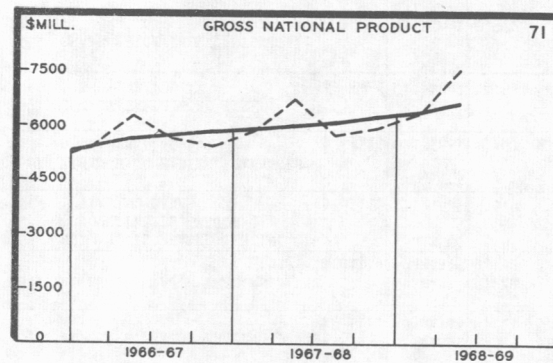




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BUILDING, ETC.																										
53. BUILDING APPROVALS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	158.3 162.3	168.1 154.8	190.7 173.8	180.4 169.5	181.6 179.6	159.0 196.4	165.1 188.5	165.2 181.0	182.4 185.7	175.0 186.9	223.4 195.3	202.6 192.6	198.6 185.6	203.3 196.4	187.2 171.0	193.8 174.0	179.0 185.9	180.4 212.2						
54. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	Original Adjusted	10.2 10.1	11.7 10.2	10.4 10.0	11.8 10.8	11.6 11.2	9.4 11.4	9.4 12.3	10.8 11.3	11.7 11.9	10.6 10.9	12.9 11.2	11.6 11.9	12.7 11.4	13.0 11.9	12.9 12.5	12.7 11.1	12.5 12.7	11.3 13.0						
55. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	\$ mill.	Original	29.8	32.9	48.1	47.7	36.5	43.8	52.1	43.0	52.4	46.4	66.4	39.3	38.0	35.6	36.6	34.4	31.1	41.2						
56. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		494.2 462.2			438.5 478.1			522.9 529.8			534.2 520.2			538.0 503.3										
57. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	Original Adjusted		31.5 29.5			28.6 30.0			30.4 31.2			32.6 32.5			34.1 31.9			33.0 29.3							
58. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		226.7 209.6			193.9 225.0			260.8 256.4			244.1 234.5			228.7 211.4										
59. NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	167.1 162.5	(335.9 anticipated)				191.8 174.2	143.0 173.8	(326.4 anticipated)				172.8 165.2	181.7 176.6	(419.4 anticipated)				232.8 211.6						
60. NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	266.7 271.3	(595.6 anticipated)				331.0 306.8	261.2 300.2	(604.5 anticipated)				338.2 317.3	302.7 307.3	(637.0 anticipated)				337.0 312.6						
FINANCE																										
61. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,821 5,805	5,890 5,853	5,952 5,903	6,001 5,949	6,031 5,984	6,021 6,003	6,046 6,049	6,071 6,075	6,068 6,104	6,043 6,142	6,112 6,199	6,222 6,222	6,280 6,261	6,349 6,299	6,385 6,341	6,442 6,385	6,485 6,427	6,456 6,450	6,498 6,498					
62. HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	1,559	1,574	1,590	1,602	1,617	1,637	1,643	1,658	1,675	1,690	1,705	1,751	1,767	1,779	1,795	1,813	1,826	1,846	1,852					
63. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,259 5,421	5,298 5,456	5,342 5,484	5,447 5,526	5,593 5,589	5,717 5,633	5,819 5,689	5,816 5,613	5,832 5,627	5,759 5,686	5,689 5,734	5,698 5,796	5,683 5,858	5,668 5,837	5,745 5,898	5,887 5,971	5,979 5,973	6,110 6,020	6,261 6,120	6,349 6,123				
64. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,244 3,157	3,229 3,190	3,229 3,224	3,311 3,277	3,312 3,302	3,307 3,332	3,267 3,337	3,288 3,413	3,354 3,441	3,504 3,483	3,559 3,513	3,598 3,534	3,662 3,563	3,676 3,632	3,665 3,661	3,717 3,680	3,705 3,694	3,718 3,748	3,687 3,766	3,633 3,769				
65. NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	36.9	32.6	30.7	28.4	33.5	34.5	29.7	29.7	34.8	38.5	35.9	34.9	35.5	41.1	30.7	35.6	31.9	33.1	26.2	32.4				
66. FINANCE COMPANIES, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b)	\$ mill.	Original	2,107	2,142	2,176	2,192	2,246	2,259	2,277	2,288	2,329	2,354	2,407	2,421	2,453	2,487	2,506	2,543	2,609	2,629						
67. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent	Original	4.53	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.75	4.71	4.80	4.84	4.86	4.87	4.85	4.84	4.84	4.83	4.83	4.82	4.72	4.68	4.70	4.90				
68. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		Original	2,972	3,132	3,184	3,236	3,330	3,270	3,316	3,423	3,367	3,509	3,825	4,077	4,162	4,224	4,166	4,009	4,106	4,328	4,517	4,498				
69. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		92.5 81.1			139.8 108.4			115.8 141.3			120.5 137.6			199.1 187.9										
70. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated revenue funds	\$ mill.	Original	292.9	283.0	287.8	302.8	335.0	326.8	368.7	508.2	551.8	781.3	675.1	643.9	333.9	301.1	283.5	346.5	381.3	384.6	441.2	549.6				

(a) See notes, page 14. (b) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. (c) Average, three years ended June 1939 = 1,000. \* Preliminary. † Revised.

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		1967-68				1968-69			
		Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS									
71. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,800 5,919	6,725 5,984	5,715 6,090	5,912 6,250	6,381 6,397	7,572 6,669	
72. <u>plus</u> IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,007 986	968 991	1,080 1,095	1,070 1,055	1,084 1,061	1,039 1,064	
73. <u>less</u> EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	851 888	903 878	855 870	935 907	893 931	992 966	
74. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,956 6,017	6,790 6,097	5,940 6,315	6,047 6,398	6,572 6,527	7,619 6,767	
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST -									
75. FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	373 514	866 427	345 444	163 440	438 470	1,046 557	
76. NON-FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,825 4,779	5,221 4,919	4,704 4,973	5,039 5,134	5,285 5,242	5,800 5,385	
77. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,198 5,293	6,087 5,346	5,049 5,417	5,202 5,574	5,723 5,712	6,846 5,942	
78. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,033 3,027	3,242 3,108	3,010 3,122	3,209 3,241	3,283 3,283	3,600 3,374	
79. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	Original	142	603	128	-46	195	770	
80. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	1,128	1,277	1,123	1,371	1,218	1,391	
81. <u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	Original	516	644	510	550	586	754	
82. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	3,787	4,478	3,751	3,984	4,110	5,007	
83. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,527 3,572	3,872 3,636	3,550 3,708	3,736 3,769	3,737 3,784	4,124 3,865	
GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -									
84. PRIVATE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	961 968	1,063 1,005	929 1,019	1,093 1,055	1,080 1,088	1,193 1,126	
85. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,495 1,549	1,645 1,580	1,443 1,595	1,821 1,677	1,629 1,684	1,825 1,750	

Series revised.

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Item		Item	
1.	..	16, 22	36-41. Consumer price index. For particulars of composition and weighting see Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966. ..
2.	Total generated, including electricity not for sale ..	22	..
3.	Includes gas produced in gas works and gas purchased from oil refineries. Does not include natural gas. ..	22	42-7. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. ..
4.	Includes recovery from scrap. ..	22	..
5.	Portland cement. ..	22	48. Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries. ..
6.	Includes finished and partly finished motor vehicles. ..	22, 28	49. Excludes crawler tractors of 3,000 pounds weight or less. ..
7.	Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products. ..	22, 26	50, 51. Registrations recorded by the registration authorities. Includes all government owned vehicles other than Defence Service vehicles. ..
8.	Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. ..	22, 25	52. Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. ..
9.	Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. ..	22, 29	53, 54. Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units. ..
10.	Includes all footwear of cemented, vulcanised moulded rubber and injection moulded plastic soled construction but excludes slippers, sandshoes, goloshes and rubber gum boots. ..	22, 27	55. Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale. ..
11.	In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms. ..	15	56. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. ..
12.	..	10	57. Excludes conversions to flats. ..
13.	Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale. ..	-	58. See 56 above. ..
14.	The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold. ..	-	59, 60. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for each quarter and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than \$500,000 in any half year. ..
15.	Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realise if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. ..	18	61. Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. ..
16-17.	Total recorded overseas trade. See preface and explanatory notes, Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade Statistics. ..	20	62. Housing loans outstanding at end of period, all savings banks. ..
18.	Indexes of values at average 1966-67 prices. New series of indexes first published in the bulletin "Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices" (Ref. No. 8.21) on 10 October, 1968, in which a full description of sources and methods is given. ..	1, 37	63, 64. Monthly averages of weekly figures of the major trading banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks). ..
19-20.	..	12	65. Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of month. The series comprises new and increased lending commitments for both overdrafts and term loans entered into by major trading banks (commitments in respect of temporary loans to woolbuyers are excluded). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. ..
21.	Net gold and foreign exchange holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. ..	-	66. At end of period. Covers main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, comprising instalment credit for retail sales, wholesale hire purchase, other consumer and commercial loans and factoring. In so far as they provide instalment credit for retail sales the Finance Companies are also included in 48, Instalment Credit for Retail Sales. Includes leasing. ..
22, 24-6.	Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas. Based on returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. ..	11	67. Theoretical 2 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth taxation less rebate of 10 cents per dollar. Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. ..
23.	Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees. ..	11	68. Average of monthly prices per \$2 of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. ..
27.	Includes employees directly engaged in manufacturing activity and selling and distribution staff. ..	11	69. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issues of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. ..
28.	..	11	70. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to trust funds, e.g. motor taxes. ..
29.	Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. ..	11	71-85. For references to concepts see "Australian National Accounts, National Income and Expenditure", published May, 1968. ..
30.	See 22 above. ..	11	..
31, 32.	Source: Department of Labour and National Service, Registrations with Commonwealth Employment Service. ..	11	..
33.	Excludes persons receiving sickness or special benefits and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. Source: Department of Social Services. ..	11	..
34.	Male units represent total male employees plus 55 per cent of female employees. ..	17, 36	..
35.	Index of weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime) as prescribed in awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia. ..	17, 36	..



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